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Sulecin Signal NCO School

1.  this school is now accommodated in the Sulecin (German: Zielenzig) barracks. The school is headed by Captain /fnu/ Sobiesiak and his deputy, Captain /fnu/ Kowalski. The school is divided into three companies: No. 1 for telephone operators, No. 2 for radio-telegraph operators, and No. 3 for wire operators. Each company is then divided into three platoons which in turn are divided into four sections.
2. "All signal equipment used in the school for training purposes [up until the end of March 1953] was from former German stocks.
3. "Training consists of three phases:
 - (a) A two months' period which the soldiers spend outside the school on basic training (kurs rekrucki) usually organized in various detachments attached to regular infantry units;
 - (b) a 14 months' specialization training in the school itself;
 - (c) a twelve months' practical training in the Signal Company attached to higher echelons (for example: Divisional signal units).
4. "The aim of the entire training is to prepare the NCO instructors and leaders of

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platoons and sections for their duties. All soldiers are trained apart from their specialization in both telephone and radio operation. Training for telephone operators consists of a complete knowledge of telephone apparatus, the layout of telephone lines and also of field switchboard service. They are further required to become proficient in the sending and receiving of Morse code. [REDACTED] this basic requirement that all the soldiers learn Morse code is being stressed less and less now.

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5. [REDACTED] practical training in the field is underscored and that the future NCOs spend most of their time in the field.

6. "The training is carried out mostly in single detachments i.e. in the first phase of the training period. [REDACTED] the so-called line-laying patrol. Such a patrol under the leadership of a Pvt. 1st Class or a Corporal consists of five men: The leader himself, the driver of the patrol car, a 'GAS 67' (a Soviet produced remodelled type, similar to the US Willis), one motorcyclist and two soldiers [REDACTED] the Soviet-type jeeps in the school were of Polish production from the Warsaw passenger-car plant. This information, however, cannot be confirmed.)

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7. "Besides the Signal equipment, each soldier is armed with a PM 41, automatic 7.62 cal. or PM 43 also of 7.62 cal.

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8. [REDACTED] the Sulecin Signal School is rather badly in need of modern cars and modern signal equipment.

9. "The military barracks are located in the northern outskirts of the town in the vicinity of the railway station on Poznanska Street (location C-2 on the sketch "A"/7). Farther north on the northern side of the railway station, the Quartermaster warehouses are located. These Quartermaster warehouses supply the Wedzryn (German: Wandern) maneuver grounds which are already in operation in the eastern outskirts of Sulecin (location B-2 on the sketch "B"/7).

10. "The Signal NCO school used to go to the Wedzryn area for practical field training. On the western edge of these maneuver grounds, the barracks compound is located. These barracks were constructed before World War II by the German military authorities. The compound remained almost completely intact during the war and now quarters one heavy tank regiment and one motorized field artillery regiment. The compound consists of the following objects:

- a. Headquarters buildings
- b. Officers' blocks
- c. Part in which the tank regiment is quartered
- d. Artillery barracks
- e. Officers' and NCO's settlement
- f. Maneuver ground and infantry detachment for guarding and maintenance of the maneuver grounds.

11. "The following is a descriptive legend referring to the sketch map of the Signal School of Sulecin:

1. Headquarters of the school, with a detention room in the cellar of this building.
2. Commanding Officer's house
3. Officers' mess and officers' billets. On top of this building an anti-aircraft observation tower is located.
4. Quartermaster

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5. Signalequipment warehouses
 6. Soldiers' barracks
 7. Dispensary and guardhouse
 8. Water containers
 9. Kitchen and enlisted men's mess hall
 10. Lecture halls and day rooms
 11. One-family dwelling houses for officers and NCOs.
 12. Alarm yard
 13. Guardhouse by the entrance
 14. Building in which the political officer has his offices and where also the court-martial offices for the Sulecin area and the Wedzryn maneuver ground are located. These offices are in a large villa surrounded by a parklike garden.
12. "The following is a descriptive legend referring to the sketch map of the Sulecin NCO School and Quartermaster Warehouses. The following numbers refer only to the description of the Quartermaster Warehouses:
15. Guardhouse
 16. Ammunition and arms warehouse
 17. All kinds of accessories for soldiers [probably a building where soldiers' equipment is stored]
 18. Warehouse for helmets, boots and military-type sheep coats [sic]
 19. Spare parts for trucks and cars
 20. Shoes and uniforms
 21. Generators. The warehouses have their own generators to make them independent of the town's electrical supply system.
 22. Locksmith and carpenter workshops.
 23. Guardhouse by the entrance
 24. Field-type radio station, mounted on a truck and used continuously for military purposes."

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25X1X On file in CIA Library are two sketches--one showing the Sulecin-Wedzryn Area plus maneuver grounds drawn to a scale of 1: 25,000 and based on the information [redacted] and the other sketch map which gives a more detailed, closeup picture of the Sulecin NCO Signal School and Quartermaster Warehouses. The sketch maps are based on information which dates through March 1953.

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